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2011 Dance Marathon raises \$40,000 more than expected

Aleesa Ribbens
STAFF WRITER

Oliver Emerson finds great joy in getting to spend quality time with his family. He likes playing with his toy trucks and constructing buildings out of his Legos. Oliver also loves Dance Marathon.

The 4-year-old son of Derek Emerson, director of events and conferences, quickly worked his way into the hearts of Hope College’s community after he was diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma cancer this past summer.

Oliver, who is currently undergoing treatment at the Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, became one of 22 Miracle Children for this year’s marathon.

Dance Marathon 2011: Clowning Around for the Kids, marked the 12th consecutive year of Hope’s partnership with the Children’s Miracle Network to raise money for the Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, located in Grand Rapids. The proceeds aid in the development of the hospital which in turn, helps enable children, like Oliver, to be treated in a state-of-the-art institution.

A variety of different students and organizations joined together and raised a total of \$90,390.69 “for the kids.”

The 24-hour dance-a-thon kicked off at 5 p.m. in The Dow Friday night. Close to 600 students gathered in the gym for

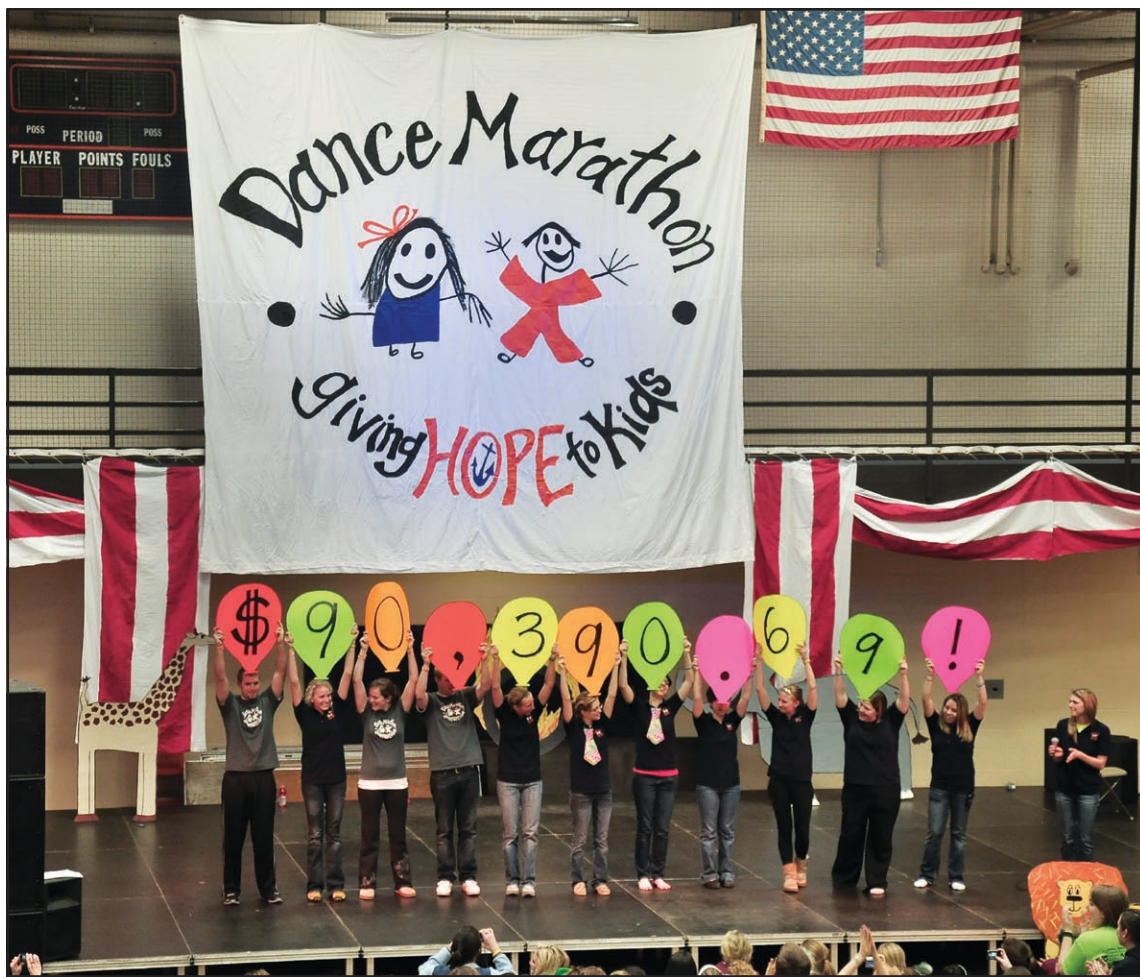


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THE BIG REVEAL— Members of the Dance Marathon Dream Team unveil the total amount of money raised by Hope students this year. The total was \$40,000 more than last year’s total. It isn’t the record though: Hope raised \$120,878.62 in 2008.

24 hours of food, games and of course, dancing. Over 250 moralers were there to keep the 200 dancers on their feet the entire time.

Four-time dancer Katie Sawyer (’11) said that staying on her feet for 24 hours straight was challenging.

“My friends definitely got me through. While changing socks and shoes, brushing your teeth and changing your clothes can help, there is nothing compared to seeing a friend walk into the Dow and give you a huge hug and tell you that you are doing great and making a difference

for someone,” said Sawyer.

For first time dancer Danielle Portfleet (’13), the various events put on by the Dream Team were a large part of what got her through the night. “There were times where, if I wasn’t

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Hope explores e-book options

Chris Russ
CAMPUS NEWS CO-EDITOR

The internet and digital technologies have changed the way education works. It’s hard to imagine college without the instant communication of email or without the fact-checking power of the Internet. One area of education that has proven slower to change, is the digitization of books themselves.

A number of Hope College faculty and staff members met on March 8 to discuss e-books and how they related to education at the college. The advantages and disadvantages of digital texts were discussed, and the extent

to which Hope has begun to incorporate e-books was established. In addition, the future of e-books at Hope was examined.

Hope currently boasts a total count of 32,000 e-books in the library catalog. These books fall into two basic categories. First there are texts that are simply digital replacements of the print books on the stands. Secondly, there are a large number of reference books

that have been similarly replaced with digital collections. The digital collection of reference books includes the Oxford English Dictionary, Encyclopedia Britannica, and hundreds of other scholarly reference books.

“The library is going to continue looking in to purchasing e-books, so far we’ve only purchased very small collections,

figuring out if students are going to use them or not. We’re moving ahead but we’re moving cautiously. Most of the reference books we will be buying will be electronic,” said Director of Libraries Kelly Jacobsma.

She said that while some schools have advanced more rapidly in the field of digital text, Hope is taking it slowly due to two reasons. First, the user interface for many e-books has not advanced far enough for the technology to be convenient. Secondly, she feels that the pricing rates of many e-books are

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Students ready to immerse in Christ, culture

Madalyn Muncy
CAMPUS NEWS CO-EDITOR

Spring break is almost upon us and Hope students are looking forward to time off from classes. Many are headed to warmer climates for vacation, and others are headed home for time with family and friends.

However, approximately 200 Hope students will be going around the United States and abroad to participate in 15 spring break immersion trips where they will spread the love of Christ through service to others.

In prior years, these Hope-sponsored spring break excursions were called mission trips. This year, Hope has renamed them “immersion trips,” feeling that immersion better fits the atmosphere of these trips.

“This isn’t as much because these trips are not about missions, but more to help us remember that we are going more as learners than as doers,” explained Kate Kooyman, director of outreach and social justice at campus ministries.

“Instead of focusing first on a project, or diving in to ‘help’ right away, these trips will encourage students to learn how they might be part of the system of injustice on a bigger scale. They encourage students to really understand an injustice before trying to ‘fix’ it,” said Kooyman.

Trips as close as Holland and Detroit and as far as Nicaragua and Honduras have been planned. Each trip has two student leaders who have been on mission trips before. Student leadership is an important aspect of immersion trips, providing a sense of community and spiritual guidance among participants.

Sarah Wentz (’11) who is leading a trip to World Impact in Newark, N.J. discussed her motivation for participating in the program.

“I am leading a mission trip because through my past experiences of mission trips

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GRAPHIC BY EMILY DAMMER

IN BRIEF

ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM APPROVED

The Hope College teacher-preparation program has earned approval from Michigan's Department of Education as meeting the standards required by the state's new Elementary Certificate Program.

There are currently 33 colleges and universities approved by the Michigan State Board of Education to prepare teachers and recommend them for a certificate to teach. Only those that, like Hope, have obtained approval under the new standards will be allowed to admit students to their elementary teacher-education programs after December of this year.

The approval follows a history of high praise for Hope's teacher-preparation program from the department in the past. For example, Hope's program is one of six across the state tied for second place in the state's "Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores for Academic Year 2008-09," the most recent rankings available.

Hope is meeting the new requirements through a combination of existing and new courses. The college's department of education prepares students to teach in elementary and secondary schools.

Clowning around: Dancers, moralers enjoy lip-sync, 'Circle of Hope'

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continuously participating in different things, I would get tired. It was important to constantly be moving."

Throughout the night and into the morning, different events were put on to keep the dancers on their feet and energized. Students had the opportunity to meet new people, grab a quick bite to eat, learn a line dance put on by Life Support and rock out to local bands. Many of the Miracle Families were on hand to share their testimonies as well.

Much to the crowd's delight, the ever-popular lip sync competition was back and saw action from a mix of Greek Life, sports teams and student formed groups.

In a performance most likely to never be forgotten, Daniel Branch ('11), Ronald Radcliffe ('11), Bryant Russ ('11), Randall Snow and Andrew Young ('11) received honorable mention for their heartwarming interpretation "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion.

The men's and women's tennis teams got the audiences' hearts jumping after their third place interpretation Britney Spears 1999 hit "Crazy."

Lady GaGa was in the house

-- or more accurately, Hope's service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, who claimed second place with their interpretation of "Telephone."

The best was saved for last when Benjamin Thomas ('11) and Kyle McKey ('11) proved that fairytales really do come true by clinching the lip sync title for their interpretation of "Love Story" by Taylor Swift.

By the time the end of the marathon was in sight and the total had been announced, many students came to the realization that the marathon wasn't for the

money, it was for the kids.

The most meaningful part of Dance Marathon came at the end when the participants and community members circled around the gym for "The Circle of Hope." During this time, the family members took time to personally thank each person who was involved with the fundraiser. Each student received a mixture of hugs and high fives from the children and "thank you's" from the children's parents.

"The Circle of Hope at the end was really moving because you realized why you had just participated in Dance Marathon," Sawyer said.

Dance Marathon Co-Director

E-books may lower textbook costs, provide greater access

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not ideal at this point.

One of the successes in the library's early exploration of e-books is the collection of Springer e-books. This collection has been successful largely due to its format. It breaks up each chapter of texts into individual downloadable files. However other digital texts have not gotten as warm of a response.

"I can't say I've had overwhelming response from students that they want to use e-books. But if you can get your hands on the books that you need, 24 hours a day, does that outweigh it not being on paper? It may come down to that eventually," Jacobsma said.

One major advantage of e-books over regular texts is a concept known as patron-initiated purchasing.

"You would load you know, 50,000 titles into the catalog, but you wouldn't pay for a book until a student had used it say, three times. We order books all the time that may or may not get used, so this way, you're making sure that you're only paying for things that students want to use," Jacobsma said.

Dr. Barry Bandstra, professor of religion at Hope and director of academic computing, also spoke on the potential advantages of e-books.

Kevin Watson ('12) said, "This is the reason we do Dance Marathon, to support these families by giving a portion of our time, a lot of our energy, our resources and to humble ourselves, all to let these families know that Hope stands beside them in this on-going battle."

Dream Team member Alli Springett ('13) added, "It really puts things in focus for students to see outside their world and to see what is affecting their families ... This is something we're passionate about and it both unites us and it fosters community. At the end of the day, it truly is 'for the kids.'"



PHOTO BY HOLLY EVENHOUSE



PHOTO BY KAYLYNN KEEDY

HIGH FIVES ALL AROUND— Left: Students had the opportunity to shake the hands of Miracle Families in the Circle of Hope. Above: Daniel Branch ('11), Ron Radcliffe ('11), Bryant Russ ('11), Andrew Young ('11) and Randall Snow show off their lip sync skills to "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion.

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Japan devastated by quake, tsunami

Aftan Snyder
Co-National Editor

Rescue efforts, serious aftershocks and concerns over nuclear meltdowns all continue this week in Japan as the country reels from the effects of an 8.9-magnitude earthquake.

The earthquake struck Thursday 05:46 GMT off the north-east coast of Japan, about 250 miles away from Tokyo and at a depth of about 24 km. The tremor created a tsunami that ripped through Japan, creating an unstoppable flow that destroyed homes, roads, rice paddies, cars and anything else in its path. The wall of water reached at least 10 meters high in the city of Sendai.

The tsunami traveled across the Pacific at a rate of about 500 mph. Hawaii and the West Coast took safety precautions, and officials have reported no major damage. The highest waves reportedly reached only about six or seven feet high, according to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre. Other countries in the Pacific have since had their tsunami warnings lifted.

According to Japanese officials over 3,300 were confirmed dead through Tuesday afternoon, with estimates as high as 10,000 in some regions of the country. In the state of Miyagi, police spokesman Go Sugawara estimated that the death toll could rise as high as 10,000, although thus far only 349 have been confirmed dead in that state. Miyagi is one of the three states of Japan hardest hit by the tsunami and quake.

The crisis expanded when the government reported on Sunday



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

CITIES IN RUINS— People walk a road in between the rubble of destroyed buildings in Miyagi Prefecture in northern Japan on March 14, just three days after a powerful earthquake triggered a massive tsunami hit the country’s coastline.

that two nuclear reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant had suffered partial meltdowns. The plant’s cooling systems were compromised after suffering tsunami damage. Engineers are trying to prevent a meltdown by flooding the reactors with seawater.

On Saturday an explosion at the Fukushima Daiichi plant blew the roof off a building housing one of the reactors, releasing mildly radioactive iodine and cesium into the air. This prompted an evacuation of more than 200,000 people living within 12 miles of the plant, although thus far officials say the radiation levels around Fukushima Daiichi are not harmful.

In order to prevent similar

explosions, engineers have had to vent radioactive vapor in order to relieve high pressure within the reactor.

Officials are also monitoring a separate nuclear complex about seven miles south of Fukushima, which according to the International Atomic Energy Agency does not have the electricity necessary for cooling.

Authorities in the area plan to distribute iodine to residents, which will counter the effects of radiation. Testing facilities have already measured radiation exposure in at least 1,500 citizens, although according to NPR’s Doualy Xaykaothao, “it’s not clear who’s been exposed, and how dangerous the level.”

Thus far Japan has been rocked by at least 150 aftershocks.

Some officials estimate that the magnitude of these could go as high as 7-magnitude. Meanwhile at least 1.4 million homes are without water and 1.9 million homes without electricity.

The international community has stepped in to assist. Two U.S. carrier groups rest off Japan’s coast and are delivering food and water in Miyagi, as well as helping with rescue efforts.

Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan said that Japan’s future would be decided by the response to the disaster.

“This is Japan’s most severe crisis since [World War II] ended 65 years ago,” Kan told CNN reporters. “I strongly believe that we can get over this great earthquake and tsunami by joining together.”

Rep. Gifford continues recovery

Matt Lee
Co-National Editor

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords’s seat remains empty as she recovers from her gunshot wound but three of her friends are making sure her voice is still heard in Congress.

During every hearing of the House Armed Services Committee, the committee’s top Democrat, Rep. Adam Smith of Washington state, takes time out of his already time-limited turn questioning military officials to ask a question on Giffords’ behalf.

“She’s a critical member of the committee — has been for the four years that she’s been here,” Smith said in a recent interview with MSNBC, just days after visiting Giffords at a Houston hospital. He confers with the Arizona Democrat’s staff on questions that Giffords might ask about energy or the two major military installations in her district, the Army’s Fort Huachuca and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

“I want to make sure her initiatives get in there,” Smith said.

On Tuesday night Smith, along with the help of Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., hosted a fundraiser for Giffords’ 2012 campaign at the International Brotherhood of Teamsters building just a few blocks from the Capitol. Members of the Democratic leadership also contributed.

“I’ve been protecting her flank politically,” Wasserman Schultz told MSNBC. She is also intent on making sure Giffords has a hefty account for her next election.

Giffords will remain absent from Congress for some time as she will undergo months of rehabilitation from her traumatic brain injury. Meanwhile her three friends are filling in the gaps of Giffords’ daily political work and ensuring that the three-term congresswoman remains politically productive during her absence.

Life in another universe: religious implications

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Asst. Copy Editor

Learning that we’re not alone in the universe could spark street riots, global economic shutdown or grave announcements of apocalypse from religious leaders. But it’s much more likely that none of those things will happen, said astronomer Seth Shostak on Feb. 20 at the 2011 American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Washington, D.C.

Speaking in a session titled “Astronomical Pioneering: The Implications of Finding Other Worlds,” Shostak, from the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif., noted that one-third of Americans believe extraterrestrials have already come to Earth. “I calculate from the polls that 35,000 people a day are being abducted by aliens for experiments their mothers wouldn’t approve of,” Shostak said.

Confronted by a real scientific discovery, “Would the people go nuts?” he asked. “Well, that’s presumptuous, because what if they’re nuts already? But I don’t think so.”

Most speakers in the session agreed with Shostak that we fully expect aliens to exist—and to contact us. In a discussion before an audience of about 100 people, the five panelists discussed the implications for various faiths of finding intelligent life elsewhere.

Nothing in Christian doctrine overtly argues against the existence of aliens, said Jennifer Wiseman of the AAAS Science and Policy Programs office in Washington, D.C. However, Wiseman stated, finding them would raise tough questions for Christians.

When Nicholas Copernicus concluded in the 16th century that Earth went around the Sun, the concept challenged the

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Around the World

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Europe

In response to Japan’s unfolding crisis, GERMANY suspends a controversial plan to extend the service of its ageing nuclear power stations.

Silvio Berlusconi, prime minister of ITALY, unveils reform to the country’s justice system.

Asia

According to a Swedish-based thinktank, INDIA has overtaken China to become the world’s largest arms importer.

The Dalai Lama of TIBET says he will step down as political head of government-in-exile at next session of Parliament.

Africa

In IVORY COAST violence continues as the nation’s disputed president, Laurent Gbagbo, refuses to step down after a November election declared Alassane Ouattara president.

Clashes erupt in SOUTH SUDAN, with South Sudan accusing Northern President Omar al-Bashir of plotting against the South.

Middle East

SAUDI ARABIA sends troops into Bahrain to help protect government facilities after weeks of unrest.

ISRAEL approves further settlements in the West Bank.

A suicide bomber in IRAQ targets Iraqi army headquarters, killing 10 soldiers and injuring 25.

Americas

AMERICA’s space shuttle Discovery ends a 27-year flying career.

US oil giant Chevron appeals a court case in ECUADOR in which it was ordered to pay \$8.6 billion in pollution damages.

Troops in COLOMBIA recover 22 of 23 employees of Canadian oil firm abducted by rebels.

THIS WEEK IN NEWS

“A large physique is also often considered attractive in Pacific island societies, but you no longer need to be a chief to eat like one.”

– Joshua E. Keating, an editor at ForeignPolicy.com, describing why many of the world’s fattest people live on islands.

“I came here ready to go to war. The people didn’t send me here to compromise.”

– Newly elected Rep. Joe Walsh (R-Ill.), describing his methods for getting things done in his district and in Washington.

“We need to get back to where we can talk about compromise. It’s a word that people have kind of demonized.”

– Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.), discussing a different method to accomplish things in Washington.

“OPEC is ready to meet any shortage in supply when it happens. There is fear and concern, but there is no shortage.”

– Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi describing OPEC’s preparedness to meet any potential oil disruption due to Libyan protests. Libya represents about 2 percent of the world’s daily oil supply.

“Money will always flow toward opportunity, and there is an abundance of that in America. [Our] best days lie ahead.”

– Warren Buffet, commenting on his plans to make major capital investments in the U.S.

“They love me... They will die to protect me, my people.”

– Muammar Gaddafi, Libyan dictator, denies the protests against him.

“Every Chinese person with dreams hopes that China will become prosperous, rich, and powerful, that the people will not have to worry about food and clothing, that the government is upright and honest, and that the judiciary is impartial and just.”

– Statement made in a translation of an open letter to China’s National People’s Congress, from the organizers of the Chinese Jasmine Rallies. The organizers are calling for a new revolution in China.

Controversial statements spur resignation

Matt Lee
Co-NATIONAL EDITOR

P.J. Crowley unexpectedly resigned as State Department spokesman Sunday as a result of controversial statements he recently made about the Bradley Manning case.

Sources close to the matter told CNN that the resignation was a direct result of pressure from the White House after Crowley accused the Obama administration of mistreating Manning, the Army private who is being held in solitary confinement in Quantico, Virginia, under suspicion that he leaked classified State Department information to the website WikiLeaks.

CNN reports that while speaking to a small group at MIT last week, Crowley was asked about allegations

that Manning is being tortured and kicked up a firestorm by answering that what is being done to Manning by Defense Department officials “is ridiculous and counterproductive and stupid.”

BBC reporter, Philippa Thomas, who attended Crowley’s talk, said that after his comments Crowley also added, “nonetheless, Bradley Manning is in the right place.”

“The unauthorized disclosure of classified information is a

serious crime under U.S. law,” Crowley said in a statement Sunday. “My recent comments regarding the conditions of the pre-trial detention of Private First Class Bradley Manning

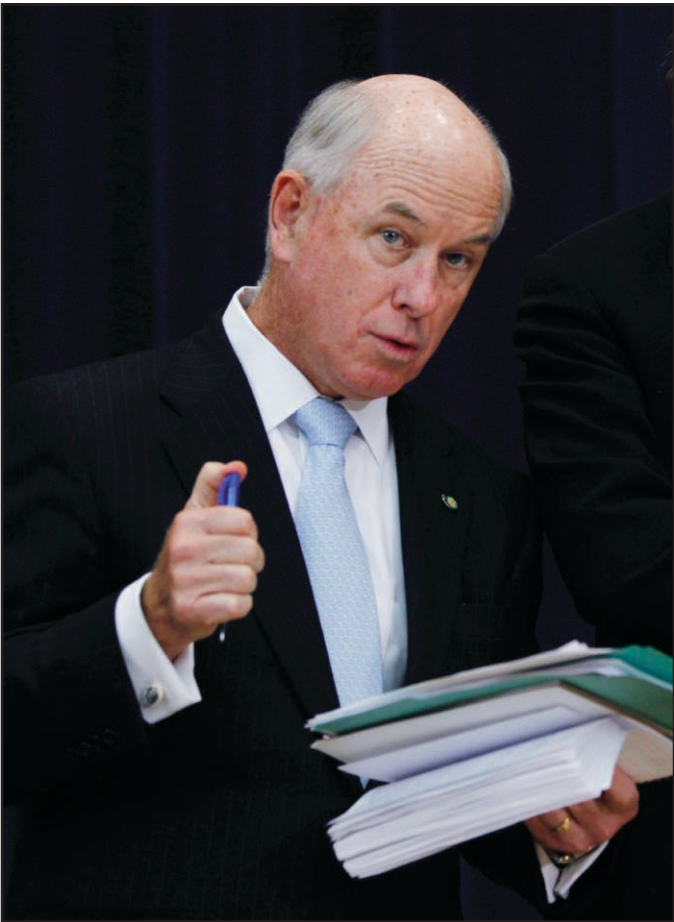


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RESIGNATION — In this Sept. 2010 photo, State Department spokesman J.P. Crowley addresses reporters. Crowley recently resigned over his controversial comments concerning the treatment of suspected WikiLeaks source PFC Bradley Manning.

were intended to highlight the broader, even strategic impact of discreet actions undertaken by national security agencies every day and their impact on our global standing and leadership. The exercise of power in today’s challenging times and relentless media environment must be prudent and consistent with our laws and values,” Crowley said. “Given the impact of my remarks, for which I take full responsibility, I have submitted my resignation.”

CNN reports that Crowley has told friends that he is deeply concerned about the treatment of Manning and fears that the alleged mistreatment could undermine the prosecution of the young private. Crowley has also voiced concerns over the possibility of such mistreatment damaging the Obama administration and their efforts to end the perception that the U.S. tortures prisoners.

President Barack Obama revealed in a White House news conference last Friday that he spoke with Pentagon officials and asked “whether or not the procedures that have been taken in terms of (Manning’s) confinement are appropriate and are meeting our basic standards.”

Obama added that Pentagon officials “assure me that they are. I can’t go into details about some of their concerns, but some of this has to do with Private Manning’s safety as well.”

In a recent article CNN reports that Manning is confined to solitary confinement for 23 hours a day and stripped down to boxers at night and not given a pillow or blanket.

Manning’s lawyer told CNN that recently he was forced to sleep nude because defense officials thought there was a suicide threat so they took away his boxers.

Crowley has had a very

respectable career with the State Department. He first served under the Clinton administration as a National Security Council spokesman. He has also been the Obama administration’s spokesman for many international stories as the daily briefer at the State Department for Secretary Hilary Clinton.

A senior White House official told CNN that Crowley’s departure had been coming for months and that the MIT incident only “hastened that departure.”

“Everybody likes P.J. This was more a situation where it wasn’t the right fit,” the official told CNN, noting there were times when Crowley wasn’t on the same page as Clinton, let alone the White House.

Crowley will be replaced by White House aide Mike Hammer who was sent to the State Department to serve as Crowley’s deputy a couple months prior.

Clinton told CNN she accepted the resignation “with regret.”

“P.J. has served our nation with distinction for more than three decades, in uniform and as a civilian,” she said. “His service to country is motivated by a deep devotion to public policy and public diplomacy, and I wish him the very best.”

Crowley feels very strongly about the mistreatment of prisoners because his father was a prisoner of war.

In his statement, Crowley said he leaves with “great admiration and affection” for his colleagues and “deep respect for the journalists who report on foreign policy and global developments every day, in many cases under dangerous conditions and subject to serious threats. Their efforts help make governments more responsible, accountable and transparent.”

Scientists discuss faith implications of life in other worlds

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Catholic Church for centuries. “Ultimately, Copernican science was found compatible with the Christian faith,” Wiseman said. “Will the discovery of other life be otherwise?”

According to Wiseman, some Christian thinkers worry that intelligent life elsewhere would throw mankind’s significance in the eyes of God into question. Others maintain that all living beings, including aliens, would be important to God.

Nidhal Guessoum of the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates seconded these concerns for the Islamic faith. He believes aliens we may encounter would be so advanced they would be post-biological, capable of engineering their own bodies. “If they are so far ahead of us, how will we be important, even spiritually?” Guessoum asked.

Guessoum pointed to

several verses in the Qur’an that specifically mention other worlds. The verses use language such as “lord of the worlds” and “seven Earths,” making it easier for Islamic scholars to accept the concept of life elsewhere.

However, one speaker

“Would the people go nuts?... Well, that’s presumptuous, because what if they’re nuts already?”
— ASTRONOMER SETH SHOSTAK

dissented. “You will forgive me if I speak bluntly,” said Howard A. Smith of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass. “We are probably alone, and we will have to solve our own problems.”

Smith said that if advanced life forms existed, they would have visited us by now. And if they do exist, they are so distant that they are beyond our reach. “Those folks will never enjoy an episode of ‘I Love Lucy,’” he joked, referring to our leaks of electromagnetic broadcasts.

The growing number of exoplanet discoveries goes against Smith’s viewpoint, said Wesley Traub of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. Many of these are small bodies, not much larger than Earth—a crucial factor in their possible support of life, Traub stated. Rocky planets about twice the diameter of Earth represent the upper limit, he said: “If you have a planet larger than that, it’ll be a gas giant.”

Traub predicted major discoveries soon. “Sometime in the upcoming decade and a half, we will find at least five nearby planets where we can begin

searching for life,” he said.

A successful detection won’t shock anyone, Shostak claimed. In the early 20th century many people believed there were civilizations on Mars. Aside from Orson Welles’s radio broadcast of the “War of the Worlds,” the impact upon daily life on Earth, he noted, was zero.

“It’ll be a very messy news story,” Shostak said. “It’ll take about a week, and it’ll be over.”

Smith countered Traub’s optimism by describing the conditions for life as too specific. The shape of a planet’s orbit, the distance between the planet and its star, and the size requirements of the planet itself are among many factors that combine to create insurmountable odds against intelligent life arising anywhere else, Smith said.

“We are special,” he said, reflecting on his Jewish faith. “We are blessed.”

Ben Percy brings storytelling to the Knick for VWS

Caitlin Klask
ARTS CO-EDITOR

With his heart and his mind back in his home state Oregon, creative writer Benjamin Percy takes to storytelling well. At the Knickerbocker Theatre on March 28-29, he'll have a chance to prove himself to the Holland community.

As the next presenter for the Visiting Writers Series, Percy will discuss his fiction and non-fiction works on stage at 7 p.m., following a jazz performance at 6:30 p.m.

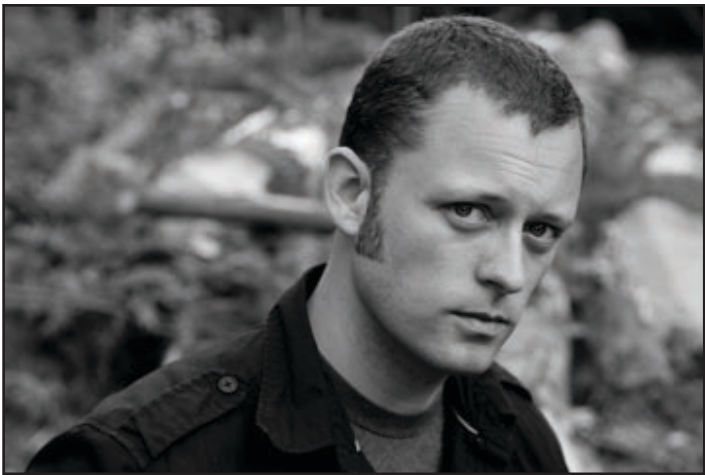
The Visiting Writers Series was created by Jack Ridl, Hope English professor, in 1982 in order to "provide our campus and West Michigan with a literary experience that will enliven, enthuse, and excite," according to its website. Visitors range from prestigious award winners to new and refreshing voices, all equipped with stimulating material. Audiences listen to and offer opinions on the topics presented. VWS is recognized as a

prominent literary organization. The public is welcome, and admission is free.

Master of fiction and nonfiction creative writing, Percy has roots in nature and rural society. His rugged style reflects his childhood in Oregon; a roaring bear greets visitors to his personal website (www.benjamin-percy.com), as does an outdoor-sy photo of Percy sitting in the woods. His novel "The Wilding" centers on a camping trip with a strange family dynamic, and his short fiction collection "Refresh, Refresh" has been showered with praise and awards, including mentions of the best book of the decade.

New York Times best-selling author Peter Straub calls Percy "one of our most accomplished younger writers. Benjamin Percy moves instinctively toward the molten center of contemporary writing, the place where genre fiction — in this case, horror — overflows its boundaries and becomes something dark and grand and percipient."

The bulk of Percy's plotlines



AUTHOR AND OUTDOORSMAN— Creative fiction and nonfiction writer Ben Percy is the next VWS installment.

follow a certain formula: male leads, nature and horror. But even with a set formula, his ideas are anything but orthodox.

"My characters are often male and often in pain," Percy said in a 2008 interview with New West Writers. "They don't know how to talk... So they often engage in non-verbal communication, sometimes by gutting a deer violently, sometimes by shattering glass in their hand. The manifes-

tation of blood, whether by fist or knife or bullet, is often therapeutic or metaphoric."

In addition to writing and presenting, Percy teaches at Iowa State University. In the past, he taught at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Marquette University, and with the rest of his time, he teaches with the Low-Res program faculty at Pacific University.

Included in his assorted im-

THIS WEEK IN ART

Mon.-Sat. March 12-19
"Another Year" - movie
Knickerbocker, 7:30 p.m.
\$6 adults, \$5 seniors & students

Monday March 28
Chapel Choir concert
St. Francis de Sales, 7:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday April 1-2
InSync Dance Theatre
Knickerbocker, 8 p.m.
\$10 general, \$7 seniors, \$5 students

Lemonjello's welcomes Daniel and the Lion



LUMBERJACKS OR INDIE ARTISTS?— Daniel (left) and the Lion (right) played Lemonjello's last Wednesday.

Elena Rivera
STAFF WRITER

Wednesdays at Lemonjello's are usually pretty quiet. There's the normal crowd of latte enthusiasts and college kids trying to get their homework done, with a dash of older Holland residents for variety. Sometimes there's a concert, which was the case on March 9.

Nestled in between a campus favorite, Stationary Travelers, and an up-and-coming band from Grand Rapids, Valentiger, lay Daniel and the Lion. A folksy band from Baraboo, Wisc., Daniel and the Lion consisted of a guitarist and a pianist.

The guitarist and lead singer is Jimmie Linville, "the Lion" of the group, looking as if he was entering a lumberjack look-alike contest. Daniel Pingrey entertained the crowd with his skills as a mime and piano prodigy. Folk-pop duos are commonplace in the indie music scene, but for some reason Daniel and the Lion stood out.

The simplicity of their music sets the band apart. There were no heavily engineered sounds, no thumping background beats or wailing backup singers...just two guys playing songs that were close to their heart. In the

world of interchangeable and lyrically empty pop songs, these two guys really understood what music is about: conveying true emotion to an audience. In the song that opened their set list, entitled "The Chase," Linville sang about love and life, somehow making these universal themes at once seem enlightening yet familiar.

Another song, "Hollywood," talked about the dissatisfaction of fame and the trickiness of long-distance relationships. In between songs, Linville and Pingrey cracked jokes about their Wisconsin-bred politeness and genuinely seemed excited to be playing at Lemonjello's, even if the crowd was made up of about 12 people.

They may not have the widespread acclaim and notoriety that comes with a major label debut, but something about these guys' music has captured the hearts and minds of their fans. Impressively, they managed to independently produce their upcoming album "Sweet Teeth" solely through 75 donations from fans. At the end of the night, Daniel and the Lion were unabashedly charming and disarmingly good, completely worth the listen.

In Remembrance: 'Party Down'

Elena Rivera
STAFF WRITER

What makes a good television show? Is it the accolades, the Emmys and Golden Globes it acquires over its many seasons? Is it the number of fans, the loyal viewers that tune in each week to cry or laugh at the misadventures of their favorite characters? Is it the number of advertising dollars the show brings in for the network? Or is it the quality of the writing and acting on the show?

Television is a medium that facilitates creativity and long-term improvement, and usually the quality of the program will keep it on the air for many seasons.

But television is also a cutthroat business, where executives will keep programs on the air that lack innovation but are cash cows for the company.

In this far-from-ideal world, sometimes the best shows have the shortest lifespan. Sometimes the best shows on television have small audiences. Such is the case with "Party Down."

It started as the collective brainchild of John Enbom, Rob Thomas ("Veronica Mars"), Dan Etheridge, and Paul Rudd ("I Love You Man," "Clueless"). Inspired by the British version of "The Office," the four guys dreamed up a show that dealt with the aftermath of fame.

What happens to actors in between their big breaks, when their careers don't really take

off in the way they expect? Rob Thomas suggested that these people all worked for a catering company called Party Down, and the show was born. After many years, conflicting schedules, and networks agreeing and then dropping the pilot, the show was finally picked up by Starz, a company looking for original programming in their lineup.

"Party Down" is a show about transitions. Each episode



BURNT OUT— "Party Down" stars a gang of old actors brought together by working at a catering company.

focuses around a party the crew is catering, allowing for cycling guest stars to interact with the cast. The catering team is led by the dim-witted, sometimes racist Ron (Ken Marino). Rounding out the ranks are Kyle (Ryan Hansen) and Roman (Martin Starr). In the first season, Jane Lynch ("Glee") shows up as Constance, an optimistic and motherly acting veteran. Finally, Adam Scott plays Henry, the new bartender, and Lizzy Caplan plays Casey, a comedian.

As the series progresses, the catering team experiences heartache (through romance and rivalry) and successes (through promotions and marriages). Between the sight gags and one-

pressive awards are the Whiting Award, the Distinguished Stories of 2008 award, the Best American Short Stories award, the John Gardner Fellowship in Fiction and dozens more.

Catch Percy on the Monday and Tuesday after spring break at the Knickerbocker to witness his short story-telling ability.

liners, Party Down is a revolutionary comedy: its characters can be realistic and unlikeable.

The characters don't get amazing job offers and solve all their problems in the constraints of 28 minutes. Their failures outweigh their victories, just like in real life. Nothing is glamorized or idealized in "Party Down," and there's something refreshing about watching a comedy that relies on the witty wordplay that exists in normal life instead of slapstick or clichéd comedy plotlines.

But the revolutionary show found a tiny audience. The number of households that subscribed to Starz were around 20 million, but Party Down would barely break 500,000 viewers a week, a complete failure in corporate terms.

Critics rallied to save the program, but "Party Down" was cancelled at the end of its second season. The actors in the show went on to star in prime time programs, some that gained big followings. Jane Lynch was cast as Sue Sylvester on "Glee"; Adam Scott became a regular on "Parks and Recreation"; Ryan Hansen was cast in a 2011 pilot called "Friends With Benefits"; and Ken Marino showed up on "Children's Hospital." Party Down was equal parts crude charming, hilarious and heart-breaking. It never found the following it deserved, but the fans that loved it will not soon forget it. It's a TV death that will be mourned for years to come.

Spring Break 2011: In the most unlikely of places!

Thinking of going home for spring break? Well, don't finalize those plans just yet. Try something new, something exciting. Try something that doesn't include staying at home with the parents. And you know all those destinations that every college student goes to? Avoid those too; Tourist traps, every single one of them. Here are some places you can go without breaking the bank:



Stay in Holland. Wouldn't that be lovely? For some people, a quiet campus is all they need to get rejuvenated for the last weeks of the semester. Just think, you can enjoy the warm-ish weather, dance around in the Pine Grove without anyone else seeing you, get ALL of your homework done, and be one of the few students in JP's or LJ's. You can even imagine it is Tulip Time. Sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

Get a map of Michigan. Close your eyes. Put your finger down anywhere on the map. Now pack your bags and go. It's spontaneous and exciting! Who said you always have to plan where you're going? Now's the time to get away, to have some fun. The best part is that you won't have to worry about how much time you're going to spend there. I would suggest that you don't plan anything for the trip (including, but not limited to: where you're going to sleep, meals, excursions on the trip, etc.) Now grab that map and have some fun!

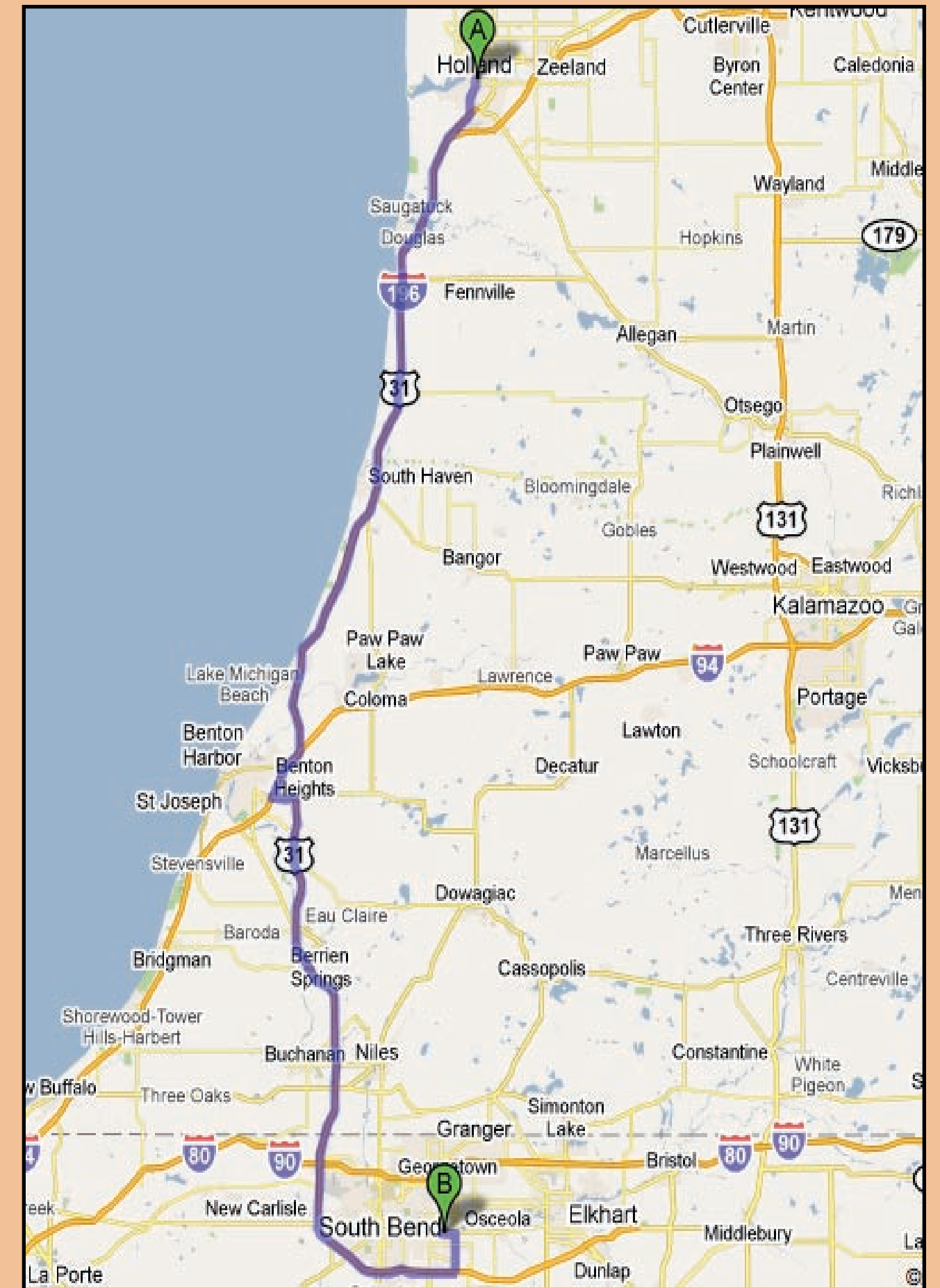


Camp in the Arctic tundra. The North Pole! Who wouldn't want to endure temperatures colder than we've even dreamed of here in Holland? Food is scarce and people scarcer, so it's a great place to sit and read a good book. Plus, since the 12 months of darkness is over, it will be bright and sunny all week (literally)! It is a perfect place to relax in the sun. Just be sure not to get frostbitten in the process. Polar bears love it! Why wouldn't you?

Go to Ohio. There is so much to do in Ohio! Like... that one place with the giant field! And that once city down south is pretty exciting...on second thought, don't go to Ohio.



Death Valley. Can't stand the cold? Try one of the lowest, driest, places in the United States. Vast landscapes of barren earth surround visitors, exposing beautiful color palettes of the desert. Did you know the National Park Service is actually trying to get people to visit? It's a tough sell, even for someone like Don Draper.



If picking a place in Michigan doesn't sound that fun, try picking randomly from the entire US map at the last minute. You know how it is; while you may have a real minor, everyone knows it's really procrastination and indecision. Wait until Friday morning, gather your friends and start driving out of state. You may only make it as far as Mishawaka before you realize you really needed to plan this better, but at least you've made it out of the state!

By John Rebhan and Alyssa Barigian

Paradoxical perspectives

While we are dreaming

James Nichols
Co-Editor-in-Chief



Water: the key to life.
Without it, we wouldn't exist. Without it, no life on Earth would exist. Without it, the world as we know it wouldn't exist.
Without it, thousands of people would still be alive in Japan. As I sit in my living room, watching the footage from the recent earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Japan, all I can think of is how fortunate I am. It's not just me either. Most of us are fortunate.
When is the last time we have had to worry about a natural disaster in West Michigan?
When is the last time a wall of water, crawling across the Earth like a dense, brown fog consuming everything in its path has been a concern of ours?
When is the last time our world was literally shaken to its core? And not just one time, or two, or three or even four; *multiple* aftershocks, with magnitudes of six plus, have hit Japan since the initial 9.0 magnitude quake devastated the country.
We may not be able to empathize with the suffering Japanese but we can surely reflect on how much we have to be thankful for.
If we get in a train headed for say Chicago, we don't have to worry about that train *disappearing under a tsunami*. The fact that we have enough money and time to even go to Chicago is something to be thankful for.
If we leave the house to go grocery shopping, we don't have to worry about coming home to a horror scene; all of our belongings strewn throughout the house, objects broken and, possibly, a house knocked off its foundation.
If we go to work in the morning, we don't have to worry about nuclear reactors exploding or fires breaking out. Instead, we worry about much less important things. *What am I going to have for lunch? I wonder if Julie will say hi to me today.*
The earthquake in Japan was 8,000 times more intense than the earthquake in New

Zealand last month. Imagine if your car got 8,000 times more miles per gallon. Imagine if there were 8,000 times more murders in the United States per year. Imagine if there were 8,000 times more people on Earth.
It's almost impossible to fathom the extent of the damage the Japanese are suffering. Not just financial damage but emotional, physical and psychological damage too.
People have lost their household objects because of this. They have lost phone ser-

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vice, television service, heat, electricity, cars, houses, in some cases jobs, and, worst of all, loved ones because of this.
While we are trying to make it through these last few days before spring break, millions of people across the globe are trying to make it through the next few hours.
While we are anticipating trips to the Caribbean, Florida and various other places across the country, others are anticipating months, possibly years, of recovery.
While we are dreaming about warm weather and pristine water, the Japanese are writhing in agony because of the same substance.
Water: walking the thin line between sustaining life on earth and destroying it at the same time.

Lyricality

Planning

Becca Hawkins
Columnist



The fall 2011 class schedule is currently available to agonize over, grapple with, and plan accordingly. I don't say this as a public service announcement, but rather as a caution to those similar to myself.
I opened up KnowHopePlus, casually glanced at the class schedule, and...could it be? Yes! A way to waste my entire day and boggle my mind! I morphed, becoming that whirling, flustered monster of planning and scheduling that envelops my being every once in a blue moon. I cannot cover up my anxious, nerdy, four-year-plan-loving self. That's right, I have a color-coded, footnoted, tabled four-year plan — I'm one of those people. And for people like me, the most exciting news of the week will be the posted Fall 2011 schedule. *How many credits can I fit into one semester? What time can I wake up next year? Can I avoid Friday classes?*
Allow me to defend my geekdom. It's about the mystery. I have my four-year plan in front of me, waiting to mold itself into a new one; I have two more college years in front of me, waiting to mold myself into a new student. In the song “Baby Come On,” +44 sings, “the past is only the future with the lights on.” So much of life is about the mystery of the future, and we often wonder so much about the future that we stop living in the now.
My past may only be my future with the lights on, but the future is just so much more appealing. I plan my classes for the fall, just as I reach midterms. I wonder about settling down in Colorado and California before I have my next year's housing figured out. I pick out my wedding ring without having the faintest clue who will slip it on my finger. Isn't the future just more exciting?
But soon enough, I will be in the classes I so eagerly scheduled when I was bored and tired and looking toward the future. Those classes will become the past with the lights on, and ironically, will lose their flame. Everything is more appealing when there's a hint of mystery involved, when the lights are dimmed, but after the plans are made and the fate is revealed, where is the delight?
I should it hope it is in the now—the dull-lighted, yet ever-present today. It may not be mysterious, but it's as real as it gets. We so easily fall victim to the allure of the future, and the boredom of the past. I challenge you just as I am challenging myself to find the little places of mystery and dim light of today. Find curiosity within your interactions with friends, your meals and your classes. If you're a four-year-planner, enjoy the classes you have planned for yourself! And if you are not, please help those of us that are. But, most importantly, see all the shades of mystery that life has to offer, in the past, future and now.

Joggin' the globe: the abroad column

Casey Sullens ('12),
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Sydney, Australia



This semester I've been in Sydney, Australia. While it has been a welcome change from being in the snow globe that is Holland, I'd like to get a few points out of the way. Yes, they do eat vegemite. Yes, they do say “G'day!” Your friends are your “mates,” and no, there are no kangaroos hopping around in the city (though they are in the country, so watch out for that).
One stereotype that is true however, is the laid-back Aussie way of life. On my trek over from the states, my flight from L.A. to Sydney was cancelled. But I was the only person freaking out in line. Most of the other passengers were Australians, and were relaxed and calm. One man turned to me and said, “No worries, we'll get there eventually!” I was already being impacted by Australia, and I hadn't even arrived yet.
However, it seems that I am not the only person that has preconceived ideas about what a culture is like. For example, I've been asked if all Americans actually carry guns. That was easy enough to answer, but the question, “What's the deal with the Confederate flag and the South?” was a little more tedious. If only I knew. If only anyone knew, really.
That's not to say that all questions have been stereotypical. Upon

finding out that I was from Michigan, one woman asked me how Kwame Kilpatrick was doing. Way to make Michigan proud, Kwame. I guess this has made me fully realize that Americans are pretty slack on the going-ons in the world because honestly, I can't name one single political scandal that's ever happened in Australia.
While there is no language barrier, there is a “language” barrier. I've asked some Aussie friends to repeat simple sentences a few times, like when one asked if I wanted to get “brekkie.” What's brekkie you ask? Breakfast. No worries, they totes love to abbrev here.
While there is so much American culture here, like McDonalds, Dominos (that gets delivered to you on a moped), Subway, and Hungry Jacks (don't let the name fool you, it's actually Burger King), significant parts of the good ol' American way have been left out. Provolone and American cheese have been switched for Swiss, and the NHL has been replaced by the AFL (Australian Football League. Google that, I dare you).
All in all, it's been much more of a transition than I thought, coming from one Western country to another. I can't wait to see where these next five months take me. I hope you are all enjoying the snow. I think of you Dutchmen while I'm at the beach. Spera in Deo, mates!

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From the inside out

Into our own

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Probably because I don't mind change (in fact, I embrace it), I become aggravated by the springtime theme of "Gosh, time has flown, and I need to get my life figured out."

Time has not flown, and you've been paying \$35,000 a year to have your life figured out for you.

I'm extremely proud, therefore, of the developments I've seen—achievements toward the final goal of getting my life's train on the future track. Last semester, I got a B on my cultural heritage take home final exam essay. One reason I was marked down was my "journalistic" style, my professor wrote. I broke my sections down with headings, and the paragraphs were too choppy. I never told this professor I wanted to be a journalist—but I guess my writing spoke for me.

Another Anchor staff member once recounted a time where her professor marked plenty of grammar mistakes due to the use of AP style rather than the assigned method. If the professor hadn't known that the staff member was using AP style due to her experience as a journalist, she said she would have lost serious points off of the essay.

A graduating English major last week discussed his plan to work at McDonald's. He has no car, he says, and he'll walk or ride his bike to work. It's honest; I like it.

My sister just took an internship with NASA, too. She'll just be working on the Messenger, "uncovering the secrets of Mercury."

I remember going home for Thanks-

giing break my freshman year and rapidly recounting half a semester's worth of Introduction to Mass Media—just blabbering to any family member with ears. "The printing press totally changed the world." "Do you even CARE how serious today's media trends are?" I was over-excited by the prospects of the future, but too young to do anything about it.

We have effectively left that phase somewhere between freshman and sophomore years and cultivated adults out of those children. At the awkward ages of 19-22, I feel like we're coming into our own, morphing the realms of adult and adolescent and basically creating that futuristic identity we dreamed about in elementary school.

So the future scientists are doing research with professors, the future dancers have joined their respective student companies, the future engineers are making robots, and it seems like everybody is telling everybody else about their great new internships.

More ready than ever before to move from "student" to "full-time employee," leave the shock of growing up behind you and just do what you want to do. Stop talking about being too young, too ill-prepared, too anxious.

"And the puzzle will last until somebody will say, 'There's a lot to be done while your head is still young.' If you put down your pen, leave your worries behind, then the moment will come and the memory will shine." (Belle & Sebastian, "Sleep the Clock Around").

Beautiful Feet

Can't end in dissonance

Bryant Russ
Columnist



I remember my freshman year music professor sitting down at the piano and playing a terrible chord. "This is an example of dissonance," he said. Then he played another chord that seemed to answer the one before; he called it resolution. He explained that in the world of music there are notes that just don't sound good on their own. They are unstable and demonstrate a lack of harmony in the progression of a song. Such notes require resolution—a chord that sweeps in to makes sense of things, because songs just can't end in dissonance.

Songs just can't end in dissonance: I've been hanging on to this promise for three years. See, one thing that happens in college is your eyes are enlarged to the state of the world. In class you learn about diseases and civil wars, you learn about broken histories and have opportunities to see for yourself that clean and instant drinking water is not the norm for most people on the planet.

But more than the learning that happens in the classroom is the learning that goes on with friends as you share so much time together. I daresay it is impossible to go four years—even four months—in college without tragedy rearing its ugly head: the death of a family member, cancer, suicide, sorrowful drug use, accidents that cut too deeply, broken hearts, hurt feelings, disappointments, friends whose lives are ended prematurely when what was meant for the sky comes crashing to the ground.

We are exposed to so much hurt, so much dissonance, that it is overwhelm-

ing at times. Death is the ultimate dissonance because it appears so permanent—like the song ended in discord with that note on its knees begging for resolution. "Please! It's not supposed to end like this!" Our world is stuck in an unstable state of disagreement. Our pain demands an answer.

A friend once asked me, "how can you believe in a loving God when there's so much s**t in the world?" In a way he's right. Doesn't hopelessness make more sense than hope, isn't sorrow more appropriate than joy? This is when I think back to that lesson I learned in my freshmen music class: songs don't end in dissonance.

Though at times everything inside us and around us is ringing with a heavy note of death, I believe that God can speak to dry bones, open up graves and breath back Life. As the Apostles Creed says, I believe in the Resurrection.

While I don't know when this will happen, or how it will happen, I do know that Jesus is called the firstborn from among the dead. I do know that Jesus mocked death and compared it to sleeping—something temporary and harmless. I do know that Jesus himself died in the greatest act of dissonance this world has ever known, but that he rose again as a promise of the Great Resolution, the beautiful chord that will make all things new, that will come upon His return.

For now I eagerly wait for that Day, trusting that when God created the properties of music, He did so with a sly smile and the assurance that songs just don't end in dissonance.

Letter to the Editors

'Why are we not doing more to help prevent the genocide of women?'

As a part of my women's studies keystone course, I have been asked to read the book "Half the Sky." This book outlines the massive oppression that women are facing globally. As a women's studies major, I have often felt quite educated about issues like sex trafficking and the pandemic of rape as a weapon of war. I learned, however, that I had only scratched the surface. What I thought was just an issue, I found out is the genocide of half the world's population.

It blows my mind that I watch the news every day and hear about how bad the economy is, about the war in Iraq, and about global unrest as a whole, but I never hear about the poor health care that women receive, which leads to catastrophic maternal mortality rates. In Sierra Leone for example, for every 100,000 births, over 2,100 mothers die during the birthing process, compared to the United States, where the rate drops to two mothers.

It is not like this is just in one war-stricken country, it's everywhere. It is killing women around the globe. No one wants to talk about it, and when we do, we just write it off as "their" problem. Well, this isn't just their problem, this is a global problem; our brothers and sisters worldwide are being destroyed physically, mentally and spiritually by the weapon of rape. One of the most difficult subjects addressed in "Half the Sky" is rape as a weapon of war.

"In almost every conflict, mortality is disproportionately male. But whereas men are the normal victims of war, women have become a weapon of war—meant to be disfigured or tortured to terrorize the rest of the population"(87). In some areas like Congo, the weapon of rape has been unleashed on three quarters of the women.

"All militias here rape women, to show their strength and your weakness. In oth-

er places, there is rape because a soldier wants a woman. Here, it's that, but also a viciousness, a mentality of hatred, and it's women who pay the price" (84).

I think rape is the most dangerous weapon of all because when a person is shot, the bullet pierces their skin, but rape pierces both body and soul and is a tool to scare the whole community. Why are we not doing more to help prevent the genocide of women everywhere? Why is this not talked about more? Why is it that small grassroots organizations are left doing the work that gets little funding or attention? Why is it that people don't realize that this is possibly the biggest evil of our generation? Why don't more people care?

In one chapter of "Half the Sky," they talk about a grassroots organization called HEAL Africa. This group helps to repair vaginal tearing suffered by women during child birth and the frequent vio-

lent rapes. After reading about the work this group is doing, I felt a passion come over me like I have not felt in some time. I have been trying to decide what exactly I want to do after graduation—grad school, work, travel, or some other adventure—and I have decided to try a mix of all of the above.

I contacted the people at HEAL because I have felt a calling to get involved. If they will allow me to, I want to get involved with their organization and move to the Congo this fall. I have wanted to use my education to help make an impact on the world, but until now I have been unsure how exactly I wanted to do this. I am young, I have no plans, no relationships holding me back, so why not take a leap of faith and go where the help is needed? There is no better time to do it than right now.

Jason Storm ('11)

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More from Dance Marathon



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DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY— Marathon participants (top) show off the line dance at the end of the 24 hours. The Dream Team (center) also performed the line dance. Miracle Families (bottom) personally thank all the participants at the end of the marathon during the “Circle of Hope.”



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my eyes and heart have been opened to what is going on in the world and understanding God's call on our lives to be a part of this, whether near or far. He works through His body which is us, and participating in one of these trips is a way we can respond to this," Wenz said.

Those who have participated in Hope mission trips before know the value of the experience. Many students claim that it is life changing and spiritually uplifting, offering a new cultural experience in which they are challenged in their understanding of injustice and suffering.

"Hope students should consider going on a mission trip for many reasons. You get to meet new people, you get to go to a cool place, you get to learn about God and you don't have to go home! All of these things, and more, are reasons why I have gone in the past," said Michael Dirksen ('12), one of the leaders of the ReMember Immersion trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Perhaps what garners the most impact is seeing the gospel of Christ directly working in the world. Immersion trips allow students the ability to actually live out the teachings of Christ

in the real world outside of the Hope community.

"You are allowed the opportunity to go into the world and be the hands and feet of Christ," Wentz said.

"You are exposed to injustice and given the chance to learn about how you can make a difference fighting for these issues. You will without a doubt grow, both educationally and spiritually through the experience. It also gives you the chance to work with a team, as the body of Christ, and get to know a new group of Hope students,"

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Hockey finishes second in nation

Charlotte Park
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

For the third time in nine years, the Flying Dutchmen concluded their season finishing second at the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division III national tournament held at The Edge Ice Arena in Holland last week.

Hope bowed to the College

just give up, but instead we dug deep and mounted an amazing comeback.”

Other goals for Hope on Friday were scored by Christian Leathley (‘14), Jake Green (‘13) and Kevin Deane (‘14). Dave Nowicki (‘12) did exceptionally well in net for the night, stopping 31 of 34 shots.

Early Saturday, Hope posted a 4-2 semi-final win over the Uni-

good job of staying out of penalty. We just could not put away the rebounded and easy goals around the goal.”

Nowicki had a .901 save percentage and a 2.4 goals against average for the tournament.

“[Nowicki] was stellar all year long and there is no doubt that he held us in every game,” said LaDouce. “Our defense was exceptional throughout the tour-

Wednesday. Fall had 39 points in 27 games, with a season average of 80 percent win percentage on face-offs.

These injuries took away 72 points from Hope’s offense for the national tournament.

Despite not skating away with the National championship title this season, the Dutchmen have a lot to be proud of when looking back on their season.

Chris Kunnen (‘12) had a sensational year and was a driving force to Hope’s offense, scoring 56 points in 27 games, earning first team all-conference, first team all-national tournament, conference MVP, and possibly All-American honors.

“His leadership mentality will definitely be the main thing we will feed off of in next year’s run for the national title,” LaDouce said.

The freshmen of the Flying Dutchmen were especially impressive this season, with every member playing a significant role in the team’s success.

Riley Hoernschemeyer (‘14) stepped up in a big way last week, scoring a total of four goals in the tournament.

Kevin Deane (‘14) led the team in goals with 26, and finished with 49 points on the year.

Looking back on their season, the Dutchmen are grateful for the leadership found in their four seniors. Captain Brett Kopinski, Will Guerin, Michael Bazydlo and Kyle Plachta left a large impact on Hope’s team throughout their careers.

The men of Hope’s team owe much of their success to Van-Timmeren who has an overall record of 222-70-9-2.

“Not only does he know how to win, but he knows how to make each and every player believe in themselves, and be proud to wear Hope on their chest,” said LaDouce.

While VanTimmeren has claimed three runner up titles over the years, the class of 2013 has set a personal goal of being able to hand him a championship title before they graduate.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Wednesday March 16
Women’s Tennis
vs. Olivet at 4 p.m.

Thursday March 17
Men’s Tennis
vs. Grand Valley at 3 p.m.

IN BRIEF

MEN’S TENNIS SPLITS MATCHES

The Flying Dutchmen defeated Oberlin 8-1 on Saturday, but bowed to Elmhurst, Ill. 6-3. Versus Oberlin, captain Jonathan Lautz (‘11) at #2 singles defeated his opponent 6-4, 7-5 (13-11), while Kevin Hagan (‘11) and Brad Boelkins (‘11) at #3 and #4 singles also won their matches. The #1 doubles team of Gabe Casher (‘13) and Alex Hughes (‘12) also were victorious at 8-2, while the #2 doubles team of Lautz and Parker Bussies (‘14) had some close competition at 9-8.

Versus Elmhurst, Hughes took the win at #1 singles 6-0, 6-3 along with Bussies who played a three set match at #3 singles 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Hughes and Casher defeated their opponents 8-4 at #1 doubles, while Lautz and Bussies added another 8-4 win at #2 doubles. The men’s next indoor match is home Thursday versus Grand Valley at 3p.m at the De-Witt Tennis Center.

TWO HOPE SWIMMERS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

Libby Westrate (‘13) of Grandville and Josh Grabijas (‘13) of Howell will each compete in three freestyle events at the NCAA Division III championships to be held March 23-26 at the Allan Jones Aquatic Center in Knoxville, Tenn. Westrate enters the competition as the MIAA champion in the 50, 100, and 200-yard freestyle events, while Grabijas enters as the MIAA champion in the 500-yard and 1,650-yard freestyle.

MEN’S LACROSSE OPENS SEASON WITH VICTORY

The Flying Dutchmen kicked off their season this past Saturday at Zeeland Stadium, defeating rival Calvin 20-1. Pieter Norden (‘11) was unstoppable in net, allowing zero goals and contributing five saves. Eric Weber (‘11) led the team in points for the day with six goals, three assists, and 11 ground balls. Allen Campbell (‘11) also earned three goals and three assists for the Dutchmen, while Duncan Wierengo (‘11) accounted for a goal, an assist, and six grounders. Josh Kamstra also showed a stellar performance with two goals and three assists. Scott Bahash (‘13) along with juniors Noah Busman, Ryan Holmes and Keegan Aguilera anchored the defense for Hope.



PHOTO BY HOLLY EVENHOUSE

BATTLING FOR POSSESSION— Two Hope players scramble for the puck in their final ACHA national championship game Saturday night vs. the College of Canyons, Calif. at The Edge Ice Arena in Holland. The Dutchmen were defeated 5-3, finishing second in the nation overall after five tournament games.

of Canyons, (Calif.) 5-3 in the championship game Saturday night, bringing their overall record to 27-5- 1 for the season.

“Our goal was to get to this game and win but I am proud that we never gave up and left everything we had on the ice,” said coach Chris VanTimmeren.

The national tournament began on Wednesday with pool play against Florida Atlantic University whom the Flying Dutchmen defeated 5-1.

Hope suffered a tough 1-0 defeat on Thursday versus Robert Morris University, forcing them into a must-win situation.

Despite having an overwhelming 48-16 advantage in shots-on-goal, Hope failed to capitalize allowing Robert Morris to score with 4:50 remaining in the third period.

The loss was only the fourth in 31 games for Hope and the first time this season that an opponent held them scoreless.

Friday’s 4-3 win against the University of Colorado was an incredible come-from-behind victory for the Dutchmen.

Hope trailed 3-1 with 15 minutes remaining in the third period before regaining strength to tie up the score. Caleb Digison (‘14) blasted a shot from the blue line to win the overtime thriller.

“When we were down 3-1, we stuck by one word ‘believe’ and that’s what we did all week right up until the last buzzer,” said Sean LaDouce (‘13).

“It would have been easy to

versity of Central Florida gaining them entrance into the national championship game.

Goals from Cory Gowman (‘12), Chris Kunnen (‘12), Justin Johnson (‘13), and Riley Hoernschemeyer (‘14) led the Flying Dutchmen to a 4-0 advantage heading into the third period.

Central Florida scored twice to cut the lead to 4-2 midway through the third period before Hope clinched the win on Gowman’s second goal of the game with six minutes left to play. Hope ended with a 36-24 advantage in shots on goal.

While the Dutchmen unfortunately struggled putting the puck in the net versus the College of the Canyons Saturday night, the five games of the tournament were filled with non-stop determination and exceptional performance.

“Our goaltending was great for most of the tournament,” said VanTimmeren. “We also did a

nement as well. Nick Cornicelli (‘13) and Anthony Gasparotto (‘13) stepped up big and made plays that may not be noticeable to the average fan, but to us were game changing plays.”

Two key injuries greatly stifled the scoring of the Dutchmen in this tournament.

Justin Glick (‘14) was a third line center who had 33 points in just 21 games when he went out from a back injury in a game against UCF early in the second semester.

Second line center Court Fall (‘13) was also out after being hit from behind in the FAU game



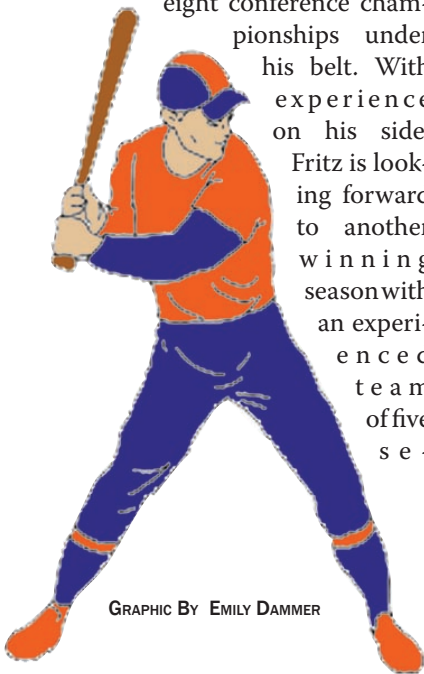
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A JUMP START— Will Guerin (‘11) clears the puck against College of the Canyons on Saturday.

Baseball team sets goals for regular season

Jolene Jeske
SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Stu Fritz is entering his 18th season this year with 358 victories and eight conference championships under his belt. With experience on his side, Fritz is looking forward to another winning season with an experienced team of five seniors and six juniors.



GRAPHIC BY EMILY DAMMER

The strong leadership of the upper classmen is something that Fritz is familiar with. “It’s a typical roster, and a very good group of guys,” Fritz said. “The leadership will primarily come from the seniors and captains, but everyone is held accountable for leading the team.”

With a strong and experienced team, bonding seems as if it’s the last thing the Dutchmen need to work on. Instead they’re focusing on the strengths that will put them ahead of their competition. “Our team has very strong hitters and pitchers,” Colton Bodrie (’11) said. “Our freshman class is strong and some new guys are going to be playing some important roles this year. More importantly our team is bonding and our team chemistry is strong. This will all help us succeed in this upcoming season.

Heading into the preseason games over break, Fritz is focused on preparing the Dutchmen mentally for competition. “Failure is a big part of playing the

game, and it’s something we have to talk about when preparing to move forward,” Fritz said. “We also have to look at the nine games over break as mentally preparing ourselves for a double header, where you have to be mentally and physically ready.”

As the team mentally approaches preseason as a regular season buffer, they also look to gain confidence over break. “I would say that we generally play better teams in Florida, so it’s nice to come back from spring break with a good record because it’s definitely a confidence booster,” Derek Fairchild (’11) said.

The spring break trip to Winter Haven, Fla. not only serves as an uplifting experience, if all goes according to plan, but it gives the Dutchmen a chance to improve their overall game and test areas that need to be strengthened. “Our lineup is solidified, but there are

a couple of spots that will be determined after the performances down South,” Fritz said.

With a solid season last year, the Dutchmen are looking to not only capture the MIAA championship but also catch a bid into the NCAA tournament. But to get to that point the Dutchmen have to patch up a few holes and tweak a few things from last year. “We’re going to work on the little things this season, hitting according to the situation and having our outfield positions play stronger so there are no dips or double plays,” Fritz said.

Working on the little things seems like the ticket to an MIAA championship for the 18-season coach, but the beginning of the regular season will truly tell if all the hard work over break really paid off.

“Failure is a big part of playing the game...”
—COACH FRITZ

Baseball roster 2011

(1) Zach VanNoord (’12)	2B	(17) Jon Ponte (’12)	C
(2) Jordan Carrigan (’13)	C/P	(18) Eric Dawson (’14)	3B
(3) Chris Mattson (’12)	SS	(19) Kevin Olson (’14)	SS
(4) Alex Hunt (’14)	2B	(20) TJ Klein (’13)	OF
(5) Alex Luke (’13)	P	(21) Derek Fairchild (’11)	P
(6) Steve Esbin (’12)	OF	(22) Ty Peterson (’13)	2B
(7) Eric Zylstra (’13)	P	(23) Drew Carmody (’11)	OF
(8) Colton Bodrie (’11)	3B	(24) Kyle Coggins (’14)	P
(9) Steve Lewis (’11)	C/DH	(25) Phil Haywood (’14)	P
(10) Eric Sherman (’14)	P	(26) Cory Schmidt (’13)	P
(11) Josh Kranz (’14)	OF	(27) Eric Vachon (’14)	C
(13) Andrew Klinkman (’11)	P	(29) Joey Carty (’14)	2B
(14) Adam Clements (’12)	P	(30) Jordan Herman (’14)	SS/OF
(15) Danny Detmar (’12)	1B/P	(31) Tom Tresh (’14)	P
(16) Curtis Drozd (’13)	3B/C		

Softball roster 2011

(2) Stephanie Faber (’12)	OF	(15) Amanda Barker (’14)	IF
(3) Abby Phillips (’11)	C	(17) Amber Born (’14)	IF/OF
(4) Jo Forst (’13)	OF	(18) Suzie Stevenson (’11)	IF
(5) Emma Page (’14)	IF	(22) Julia LaBounty (’14)	OF
(6) Laura Tjepkema (’13)	IF/OF	(23) Alyssa Hansen (’13)	IF/OF
(7) Kristin Higgs (’13)	SS	(24) Kori Nieuwsma (’11)	3B
(8) Cara Conrad (’14)	C/OF	(32) Michella Marra (’11)	P
(11) Brooke Nienhuis (’12)	IF/OF	(33) Andrea Reinecke (’11)	P/2B
(12) Molly Collins (’13)	IF/OF		

Early season note:

Finlandia Tournament All-Team
Andrea Reinecke (’11)
Kristin Higgs (’13)

Softball team focuses on bonding and building a foundation

Jolene Jeske
SPORTS EDITOR

Under the influence of new coach, Mary Vande Hoef, the Dutch are looking to burst into the regular season with good team chemistry and a winning record. Vande Hoef looks to set the tone for this season by changing some things and leaving some as is. She looks to set a base line of expectations for the women so that they can learn to expect good things from each other. “We’re going to be fast paced and productive at all time on the field this year,” Van Hoef said. “I want us to play hard and compete every game. Pitching depth is something that we’re going to have to

work on, but with the experienced players we have it shouldn’t be hard to lay the foundation.”

Relying heavily on senior players to help set the tone for the season plays a large role on and off the field. It’s important for preseason games to build team cohesiveness and skill. Junior Brook Nienhuis knows exactly how important team building is. “Our inspiration for the year is all about being one body together. Each of us are part of the body because we bring different things to the table. When we put our talents together and support each other, we are unstoppable,” Nienhuis said.

Team chemistry this season looks like it won’t be a problem for the Dutch, so this year’s spring break trip around the States from Illinois to Pennsylvania should be engaging and pleasant for the women.

Along with team chemistry the players look to prepare themselves both mentally and physically for the regular season. “We have

already played four games up in Marquette, which was a great start to the rest of our season,” Kori Nieuwsma (’11) said. “We are practicing hard each day striving to improve with every opportunity. Our games in Florida will prepare us to play outside. It will be awesome to return to Michigan ready to start the season in full fledge against Carthage.”

With high hopes from the offseason carrying into the game against Carthage, the team also looks to improve their overall record from the previous season. “I expect us to be a solid team this year,” Susan Stevenson (’11) said. “I think some of the teams that beat us last year are going to be surprised at how much we have improved since last season.”

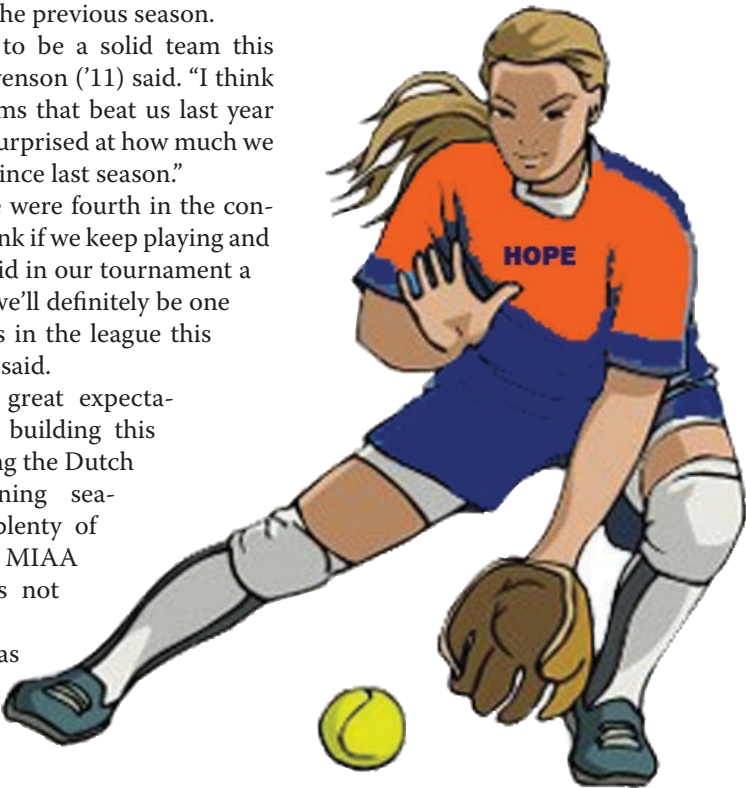
“Last year we were fourth in the conference, but I think if we keep playing and hitting like we did in our tournament a few weeks ago, we’ll definitely be one of the top teams in the league this year,” Stevenson said.

High hopes, great expectations and team building this season are pulling the Dutch toward a winning season, and with plenty of leadership the MIAA championship is not far from reach.

The team has many strengths coming into the regular season, but

senior Michelle Marra best defines one of those major strengths: “We act and play like a team. Everyone has an important and different role on the team, which helps us to be who we are. We help each other out, pick each other up and cheer each other on both on and off the field,” Marra said.

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